

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF THE LOCAL CONNECTION)	CASE NO. GNR-T-02-9
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL)	
EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	ORDER NO. 29213
SERVICES.)	
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On June 7, 2002, an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide basic local exchange service within the service areas of Qwest, Citizens Communications and Verizon was filed by The Local Connection Telephone Company. The Local Connections's Application states that it plans to provide services that include three-way calling, speed dialing and Caller ID. The Company intends to provide services in southwestern Idaho, southern Idaho, eastern Idaho and northeastern Idaho. On June 18, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure to process The Local Connections's Application.

Staff reviewed The Local Connection's Application and supporting documentation and filed written comments recommending approval of its Application. The Company has satisfied the Commission's application requirements and also avers that it will comply with all relevant Commission rules. The Commission finds that The Local Connection has satisfied all the requirements of the Commission's Rules and Procedural Order No. 26665 setting forth the requirements for an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. It is therefore appropriate for the Commission to approve the Application of The Local Connection.

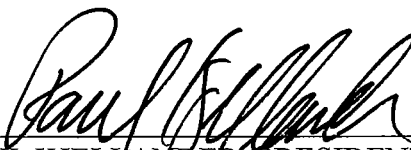
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of The Local Connection Telephone Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to enable the Company to provide basic local exchange service in the areas served by Qwest, Citizens Communications and Verizon.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. GNR-T-02-9 may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this order

with regard to any matter decided in this Order or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. GNR-T-02-9. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 27th day of March 2003.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

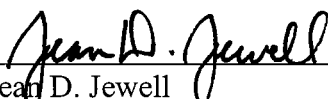


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Commission Secretary

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